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## NEWS RELEASE

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### National and State Awards for Kimberly High School's Scholastic Art Award Winners

#### Teejay Bouressa Earned National Gold Medal and American Visions Award

Kimberly, Wis. – May 9, 2018 – Several [Kimberly High School \(KHS\)](#) students and their families attended the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Exhibition at the [Milwaukee Art Museum](#) on February 10, 2018, where student artwork from around the state was recognized. Two Kimberly students were surprised with honorary awards in addition to their Gold Key awards previously announced in January.

Teejay Bouressa, a senior at KHS, received the American Visions Medal and a National Gold Medal for “A Tribute to my Dad,” her original ceramic sculpture. “I created my art piece ‘A Tribute to My Dad’ to truly show his importance in my life through art,” said Teejay. When she was a child, her father broke two vertebrae in an accident and was left paralyzed from the waist down.

Her art piece incorporates a life size realistic spinal cord. “The texture behind the spinal column on the piece is a symbol of imperfection and the smooth untouched surrounding of the spine is to show perfection,” Teejay said. “Earning this award was a pleasant surprise and it serves as a lot of validation for my artistic abilities.”



Teejay Bouressa was awarded a National Gold Medal and the American Visions Medal for her ceramic piece, “A Tribute to My Dad.”

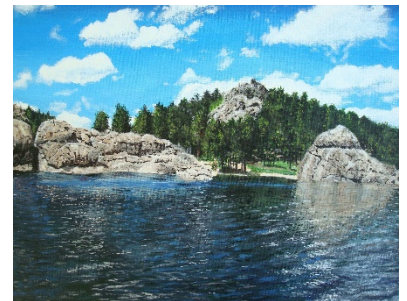
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By receiving the National Gold Medal, Teejay and her piece are among the top 1% of the nearly 350,000 works of art and writing that were submitted to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. The students who receive National Gold Medals have been identified by panels of creative professionals as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. “I was surprised when I found out that I was the first student from Kimberly to receive this honor,” said Teejay. “I know of many current students and alumni that have created truly magnificent pieces of art. I am very excited for what the future holds and what more art pieces I can create.”

Additionally, Teejay has been invited to attend the [National Young Artists Award Ceremony](#) at Carnegie Hall on June 7, 2018. Her award-winning ceramic piece will be on display at Carnegie Hall for the month of June.

Teejay also received the Wisconsin American Visions Award for “exemplifying originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.” Both of these awards are tremendous honors. “Teejay is a well-deserving student for this award due to her passion for art, commitment to details and a very strong work ethic,” said Pete Greeninger, art teacher at Kimberly High School.

At the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Exhibition in Milwaukee, it was also announced that Courtney Rammer, a junior at Kimberly High School, received the Wisconsin Mary E. Kelly Award for her painting, “Beauty in the Black Hills.” This award is in honor of Ms. Kelly’s loved ones and it includes a cash prize for Courtney. “The whole Art Department at KHS is very proud of Teejay and Courtney,” said Greeninger.



Courtney Rammer received the Mary E. Kelly Award for her painting, “Beauty in the Black Hills.”

For more information about The Scholastic Art Awards, please visit [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

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The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).